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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 14, 2006, setting a period for response expiring on September 14, 2006. An appropriate request for extension of time accompanies this paper.

Amendments to the Specification are not being made.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are not being made.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.